

Archives Committee Minutes
February 2, 2021

Meeting started at 7:30PM

Present: Carol L(Wilbraham Group),Bobbi P(Holyoke Sober Sunday)Liz C (Not So Young People)
Kim C (Amherst Monday Night),Immer C(Easthampton Monday Night), Marina(Daily Reflections)
Frank M (Holyoke Group),Kate W(Sunderland Security Group and Rick P(Haydenville Sunday Night)

There are two new members, Kate W and Rick P

We started the meeting with Carol L referring to a article by Dr. Bob in the grapevine about the use of last names in Alcoholics Anonymous. Sometimes, such as our current archives meeting, we should use them. Carol then asked for information about old business. Frank read what was pertinent from our minutes of the January archives minutes.

Most of the meeting was about having a workshop or something with oldtimers. Could we do it? Can it be recorded? We will do the workshop/event on zoom. Bobbi P brought up the idea to draw up a list of questions. This was something that has been done in the past. Dick D was involved in making a cd about area 31 and its history. Immer C suggested that each of us come up with some questions. Bobbi P stated that in the past oldtimers would speak, but it could turn into a drunk-a-log. It was suggested that we could have old timers with 40,30 and 20 years sobriety This would be a way for new members to see how AA has developed over the years. It was decided not to do a workshop at this time, maybe later or even a powerpoint presentation. Right now we can only do a zoom meeting and record and save until AA returns to a brick and mortar environment. There was some discussion on how to record, Kim and Kate were sure they could find someone. Kate said she will take care of it. She will find someone with the knowledge of how to record and make a cd or some vehicle of communicating an old timers meeting to fellow AA members. It was decided that there would be one person per meeting. There was more discussion on making up questions. There was concern that the speaker would just become another drunk-a-log. The drunk-a-log should only be a qualifier. Kate suggested that we need a facilitator.

Frank will send the guidelines for collecting oral histories from the archives workbook in an email to archives members and we will discuss different questions to ask oldtimers and keep the focus on area 31 history.

Steve M, area 31 chair, gave us an up-date of area 31 activities. GSR roles this Saturday, NERAASA virtual conference, when and cost, our area assembly meetings, concept meetings, service manual meetings. All of the particulars are available on our area 31 website.

Meeting ended with the responsibility pledge at 8:25PM

Submitted by Frank M